



INTERSTATE 10

INA ROAD TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE TO RUTHRAUFF ROAD TI

STUDY

FACT SHEET

Project Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), is evaluating improvements to Interstate 10 from the Ina Road Traffic Interchange (TI) to the Ruthrauff Road TI. The project is located within Pima County, the City of Tucson and the Town of Marana. The project has a two-phase development approach:

- Phase One – preparation of an ADOT Design Concept Report (DCR), an Environmental Assessment (EA) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, and a Project Implementation Plan to detail the order of construction activities, timing and funding elements
- Phase Two – preparation of general plan packages and preliminary technical documents relating to geology, drainage, traffic and structural engineering

Anticipated Study Schedule

- Public scoping meeting – complete
- Government officials briefings – complete
- Property owner briefings – complete
- Public meeting – March 2011
- Draft environmental reports – spring 2011
- Initial DCR/Implementation Plan – summer 2011
- Public hearing – fall/winter 2011
- Draft EA – fall/winter 2011
- Final DCR/EA – winter 2011/2012

Potential Project Improvements

- Widening of I-10
- Improvements to traffic interchanges and crossroads, including separation of crossroads and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at Ina, Sunset and Ruthrauff roads
- Replacement of I-10 bridges over Orange Grove Road, Cañada Del Oro Wash and Rillito River

Purpose and Need for Project

- Improve traffic capacity – additional capacity is needed on I-10 to accommodate future traffic volumes anticipated for the year 2040
- Improve circulation and access – improve access at railroad crossings (currently up to 50 trains per day, with an anticipated increase of up to 90 per day, with UPRR double-tracking in progress); improve traffic movement on westbound exit ramp at Ruthrauff Road and Ina Road, which currently backs up onto the frontage road and occasionally onto I-10
- Meet current standards – project would result in upgrading I-10 to meet current standards; I-10 bridges over the Rillito River currently do not meet freeboard requirements (distance from bottom of bridge to water surface elevation); the inside shoulder lanes on I-10 are too narrow in some locations
- Improve safety at railroad crossings – reduce potential for vehicle-train collisions; provide timely access for motorists and emergency service vehicles to Northwest Hospital
- This project is part of the regional transportation planning process; transportation planners and elected officials identified the needed improvements; voters approved the RTA Plan in 2006

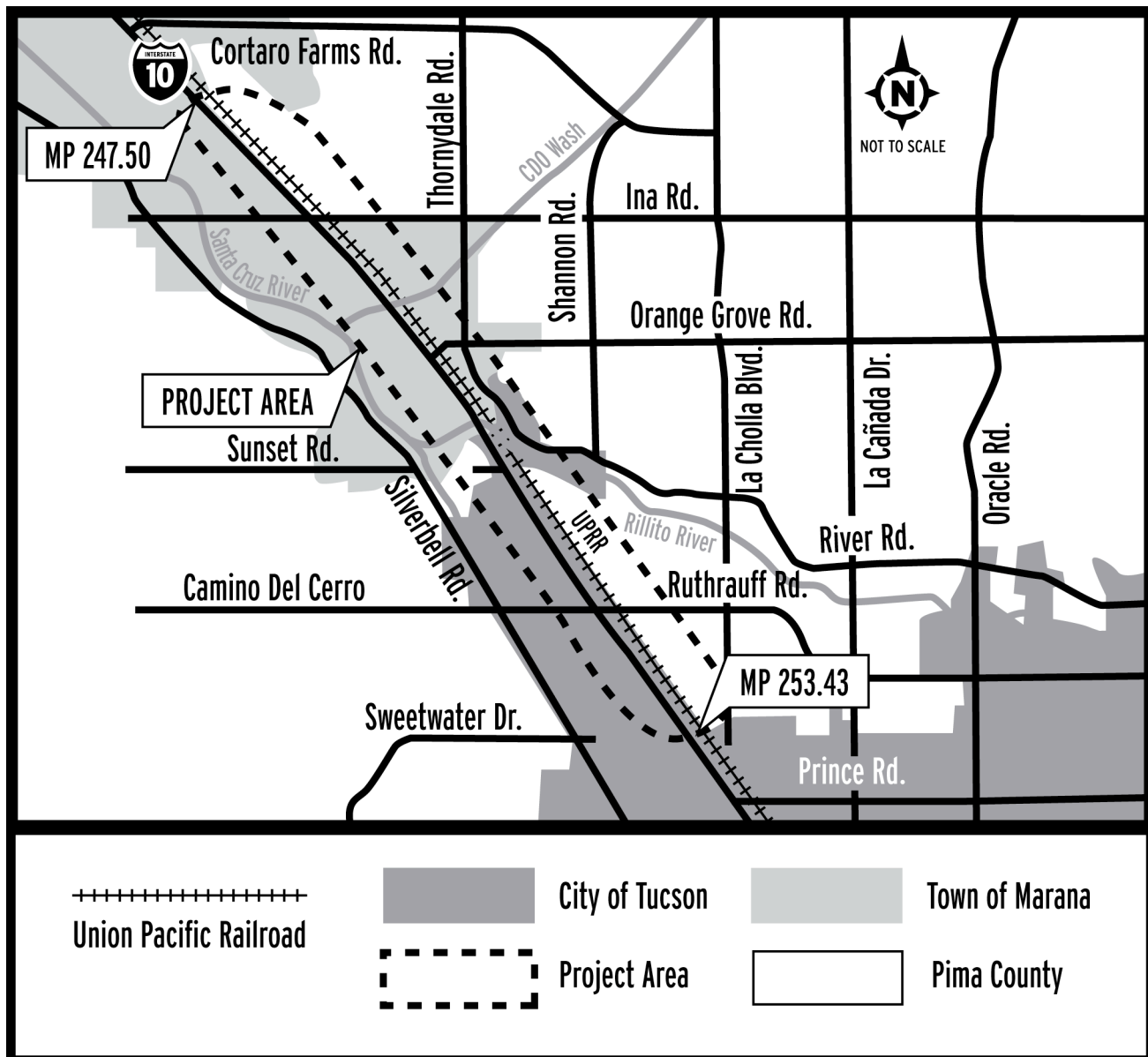
Public Involvement

An agency scoping meeting and a public scoping meeting were held in October and November 2009 to introduce the project and solicit agency and public comment on the proposed improvements. Agency involvement is ongoing. Property owner briefings were held in October and November 2010. A public meeting is being held in March 2011 to obtain public comments on the project alternatives, and a public hearing is planned for the summer/fall of 2011 to obtain public comments on the draft EA. The public is encouraged to provide input via mail, e-mail or comment form on the project website at www.i10tucsondistrict.com/itor.

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Project Map



Interstate 10: Ina Road TI to Ruthrauff Road TI